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Subject: problem with TRIANGULATION option in CONTOUR

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Dear all,

I have been having problems with plotting output of a numerical model that uses unstructured grids using IDL: this model computes wave heights in the ocean. If I use the set of triangles from the model, I get really funny errors:

Out of range subscript encountered: <LONG     Array[66453]>.  
although I only have 9626 points and about 16000 triangles.

The command I use is

```
CONTOUR,tablep,x,y,$
    xstyle=5,ystyle=5,/FOLLOW,/CELL_FILL, TRIANGULATION=tri,
$
    C_COLOR=colorind(0:c_numlev-2+addmini+addmaxi), $
    LEVELS=lev,/
NOERASE,TITLE=title,CLIP=[rangex(0),rangey(0),rangex(1),rangey(1)], $
    X RANGE=rangex,Y RANGE=rangey,MAX_VALUE=maxval, $
    POSITION=[blx*winx/mwinx,bly*winy/mwiny,trx*winx/
mwinx,try*winy/mwiny]
```

Where tablep , x and y

If I first do TRIANGULATE,X,Y,tri then the contours comes out OK...  
but they cut out through land boundaries and islands.

So I was thinking: my triangles must be wrong ...

but if I do a TRIGRID with my triangles then I can plot nicely with  
TV ...

```
array=trigrd(X,Y,tablep,tri,[dx,dy],
[rangex(0),rangey(0),rangex(1),rangey(1)], $
    MAX_VALUE=maxval)
```

So my triangles are OK for TRIGRID but not for CONTOUR... How is that possible ??

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